

April 24, 2003

Memorandum

To: Joe Panesko
Courtney Wasson

From: Greg Boeh

Re: Bremerton Harbor Line survey in the vicinity of the Sesko property in section's 11 and 14, T.24 N., R.1 E., W.M., Kitsap County.

This memo is provided as a brief update of the survey progress and to provide some historical information as well.

The harbor area we are focusing on lies in front of government lot 7 of section 11 and government lots 1 and 2 of section 14 all in T. 24 N., R.1 E. This area was originally surveyed by the GLO in 1858. Government lot 7 was patented on 10/10/1866 and lots 1 and 2 were patented on 5/15/1869. As pre-statehood patents the upland ownership would extend out to the line of mean high tide or the meander line whichever is further waterward.

On December 1, 1911 the Commissioner of Public Lands signed and approved the Map of Bremerton Harbor establishing the inner and outer harbor lines. The inner harbor line in front of lots 1, 2 and 7 was placed at the line of "ordinary high tide line" (term used on harbor map) or the meander line whichever was further waterward at the time. In other words, the inner harbor line was placed at the line separating the state owned tidelands from the privately owned uplands. Unfortunately, this created an **ambulatory inner harbor line**.

To date we have located most, if not all, of the upland monumentation that can be found which control the meander line location and have established the line of mean high tide. There has been a considerable amount of artificial changes made in the vicinity of the Sesko's property. To the east there is a bulkhead constructed of large rock that projects waterward as much as 45 feet beyond the inner harbor line (ordinary high tide) as established in 1911. To the west there is a similar situation with the bulkhead consisting of various types of concrete products (ie: eco blocks, manhole sections, fractured concrete slabs, etc.). The current line of mean high tide along this bulkhead and beyond lies approximately 20-25 feet waterward of the inner harbor line (ordinary high tide) as established in 1911. It is apparent this area has been artificially filled but when and by whom is unknown at this time.

I will be making a field trip to the site on May 1. At that time I will take some photo's and then we may want to schedule a meeting to discuss the findings.

Cc: Lisa Randlette

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